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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:
Director, Intelligence Community Staff

SUBJECT: U-2R/TR-1 Fleet

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1. Action Requested: That the attached memorandum, outlining the DCI's position on the above subject, be sent to the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

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We have previously stated to the USD(C³I) that the DCI could not agree to a planned reliance on the U-2R fleet to supplement TR-1s in Europe. The rationale for this position is the expectation that, in the event of a crisis or war in central Europe, the DCI would have extensive requirements for strategic reconnaissance in peripheral areas such as Korea and the Middle East which could not be met if the U-2Rs were diverted to Europe.

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This issue was to have been addressed recently by the Defense Reconnaissance Board, the outcome of which is not yet known. The USD(C³I) has been arguing for a FY 1985 procurement of five additional TR-1s, which would keep the production line open for further consideration of the total requirement in the FY 1986 POM. We have not taken the position on the TR-1 requirement, since it is purely a theater requirement.

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Mr. Thayer is leaving for a trip to Europe on 15 October. The attached memorandum would advise him of the DCI's position on the U-2R availability to support the TR-1 mission, prior to his trip.

3. Recommendation: Sign and send the attached memorandum to Mr. Thayer.

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